

a moment to recognize some guests of Senator Schellpeper under the north balcony, Mr. Dale Caskey and Mr. Dale Barth. Would you gentlemen please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting with us this morning. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I do also support this measure. If I could ask Senator Schmit a question?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, would you respond to a question?

SENATOR HARTNETT: What is the total dollars in this, Senator Schmit, in the whole project? I think it is worthwhile. I am just kind of curious.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I think the estimate is about a \$1,200,000, Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yep, okay. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wehrbein, followed by Senators Withem, Haberman, and Hefner.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker, members, I, too, just want to rise in support of this. It opens up an important part of my corner of the district where it borders on Senator Schmit's. It is an area that hasn't been as accessible as it could be in the past, so it does provide access to the interstate, and I just want to rise in support of it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Withem, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I am...first of all, I would like to ask Senator Schmit a question. Before I ask the question, I would like to echo the comments made by Senator Hartnett, Senator Wehrbein, Senator Labeledz, and Senator Schmit. I have had the opportunity to see the park. It is going to be an excellent facility. It is going to be an outstanding asset to the Sarpy County, Saunders County, Cass County area. It will complete a lot of the work that has been done in recent years to establish that area along the Platte River as a major recreational area, and the access to the park is definitely needed. The current road leading from Ashland does leave a lot to be desired. My concerns though, Senator Schmit, and I just want to...I think I know the answer